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1. The Chinese Communists plan to move to the 38th Parallel. They believe that, by the time they reach it, an agreement will be reached with the United Nations and the United States which will to a large extent grant the Communist demands. They believe that when United Nations troops are pushed back to the 38th Parallel, they will either withdraw from Korea entirely or reach such an agreement with the Chinese.
2. Use of the atomic bomb in Korea as tactical support for United Nations troops will not precipitate war in other areas. Use of strategic atom bombing inside the Manchurian border is another matter; the final decision on war elsewhere would be left to the USSR. Communist officials, however, are absolutely confident that the United Nations will not use the atom bomb.
3. The Soviets have apparently convinced the Chinese Communists that the United States will not be capable of war for the next six months and that settlement of the Korean difficulty to prevent its spreading into war must occur within that period. More than a six-month delay on an agreement would be undesirable for the Communists and the Soviets since the United States will then be capable of war, which the Chinese and Soviets do not desire.*
4. The Chinese Communists are worried about the concentration of their best-trained and best-equipped armies in Manchuria and North China. They agreed to a full-scale entry into the Korean conflict only after the USSR promised 300,000 Soviet troops as well as naval and air support in case of war with the United States.*
5. If the United States should arm and use Japanese troops in Korea, the

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Chinese Communists would make this the main issue of an all-Asia propaganda campaign, confident that this would rally Asia and particularly the Chinese people, who now do not wish war with the United States.* The Communists also fear the use of Japanese regardless of the propaganda value and will press increasingly for a Japanese peace treaty in which they participate in order to end this possibility.

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